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1. Soviet Union

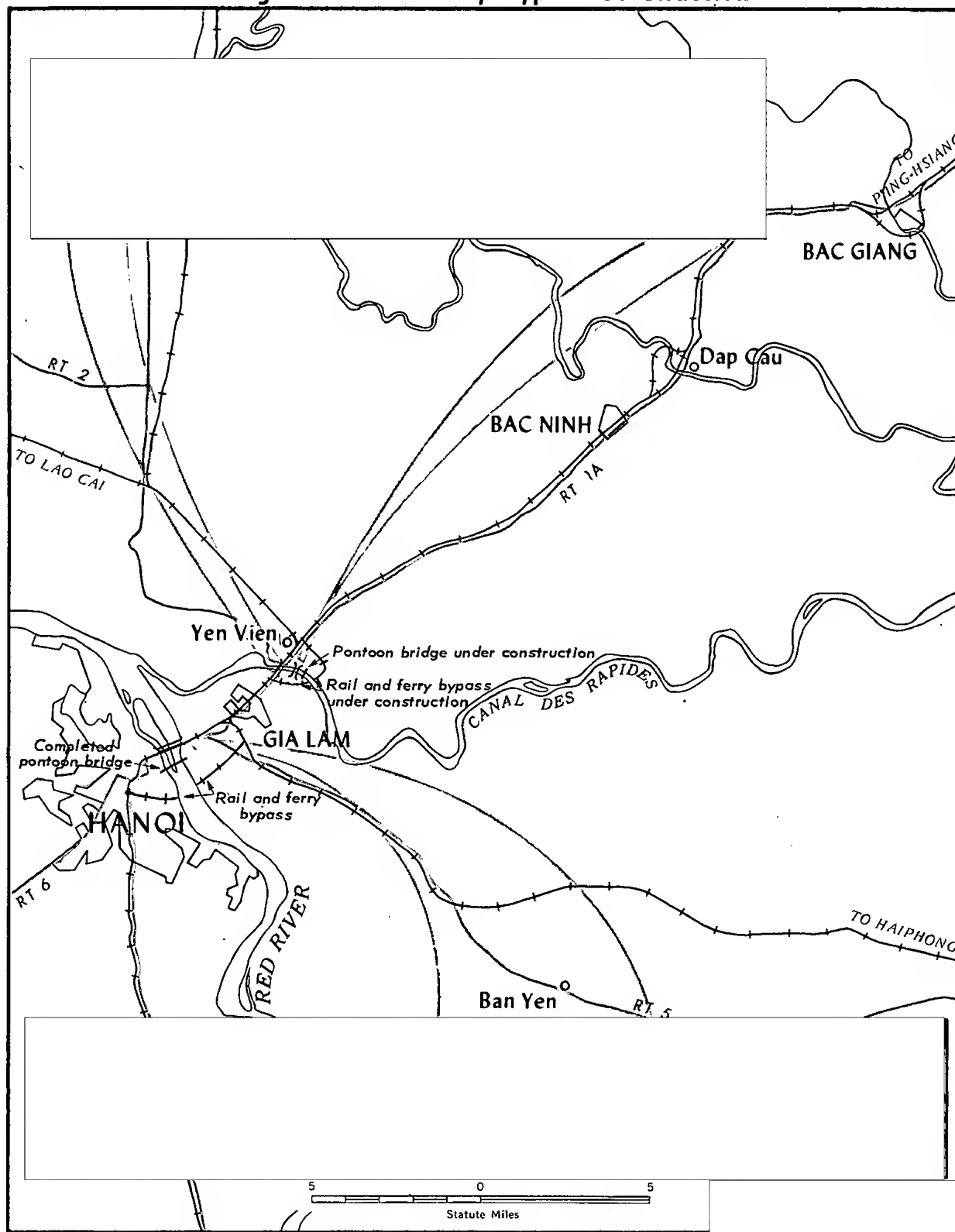
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2. Jordan

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HANOI AREA - Bridge and Rail Ferry Bypass Construction



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3. North Vietnam

Hanoi is making elaborate preparations to keep its key rail lines open.

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Recent photography shows that the North Vietnamese have already completed a pontoon bridge and ferry bypass for the mile-long Doumer Bridge across the Red River just east of Hanoi--a bridge that has not been attacked.

Similar precautions have been noted for the nearby Hanoi Railroad-Highway Bridge which was damaged by air strikes in April.

Both of these bridges are on the line between Hanoi and Pinghsiang--the chief route for transporting supplies from Communist China.

4. Iraq

The Iraqis intend to press Moscow for a new arms deal, as well as speeded up deliveries under a 1966 agreement.

5. Hong Kong

There has been no mass violence this week, largely because of tough British action against the militant leaders and their organization. Hardcore Communists, however, are determined to continue the struggle even if isolated bombings are the best they can do. Peking's reaction to the stronger British tactics has been relatively restrained.

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6. Indonesia

Suharto, with great publicity, is reviving the anti-Sukarno campaign. We do not think Sukarno poses any threat, and Suharto probably does not either. But this noisy campaign is drawing attention away from another issue--corruption in government--where Suharto's cleanup efforts are making haste slowly.

7. South Korea

The opposition's boycott of the National Assembly has brought legislative processes to a grinding halt. No early improvement seems likely, since opposition hard-liners are still yelling "we wuz robbed" (in the June elections), and President Pak is still seething over opposition pranks that marred his inauguration. Any proposal to send more troops to Vietnam would require Assembly approval, and the government would be unlikely to act without a consensus.

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